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- 1. DOD REAFFIRMS THAT IT IS UNABLE TO GRANT ANY BLANKET AUTHORITY FOR NON-MILITARY USE OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT. WE REGRET THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING ON THIS ISSUE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT LEGAL PROBLEMS COULD ARISE UNDER A BLANKET AUTHORITY SINCE IT IS A DOMESTIC REQUIREMENT UNDER THE DOCTRINE OF "POSSE COMITAUS" NOT TO USE MILITARY INSTRUMENTS FOR NON-MILITARY LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS.
- 2. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED AS TO SPECIFIC INSTANCES WHERE NEITHER RTG NOR USG AIRCRAFT WERE AVAILABLE FOR TRANSPORT OR MONITORING OPERATIONS AND AS TO THE SPECIFIC CONFIDENTIAL

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